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VIA HAND-DELIVERY

The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator **Public Service Commission of South Carolina** 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE:

Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. for

adjustment of rates and charges for the provision of water service

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten (10) copies of the Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc., in the above-referenced matter. Also enclosed you will find the Applicant's proposed notice of filing and hearing. By copy of this letter, I am serving a copy of these documents upon the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff and enclose a Certificate of Service to that effect.

I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of this Application and Certificate by datestamping the extra copies that are enclosed and returning it to me via our courier.

If you have any questions or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.

John M.S. Hoefer

JMSH/twb Enclosures

Honorable C. Dukes Scott cc:

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

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Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. for adjustment of rates and charges for the provision of was service.)) nter)	CERTIFICATE O	OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day one (1) copy of the Application by placing same in the care and custody of the United States Postal Service with first class postage affixed thereto and addressed as follows:

Honorable C. Dukes Scott
Executive Director
Office of Regulatory Staff
Post Office Box 11263
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Tracy W. Barnes

Columbia, South Carolina This 19th day of July, 2005.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2005 -- -WS

UTILITIES SERVICES OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. – APPLICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES AND MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE.

Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. (USSC or the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for an adjustment of the Company's rates and charges and modification of certain terms and conditions for the provision of water and sewer service. USSC is a public utility, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-10(3) (Supp. 2004), providing water and sewer service to the public for compensation in certain areas of South Carolina pursuant to rates approved by the Commission in Docket Nos. 93-636-W/S, 94-304-W, 96-213-W.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240 (Supp. 2004) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-712.4.A and 103-512.4.A (Supp. 2004), the Company requests that the Commission approve an increase in its monthly water and sewer service charges and in certain non-recurring charges, as set forth in the Application. Also, pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-503 and 103-703, USSC proposes, among others, the following modifications to the terms and conditions of service: providing for billing a tenant for water and sewer services under S.C. Code Ann. § 27-33-50 (Supp. 2004), the addition of language requiring certain customers to conduct cross connection testing and to adding a charge for same if such inspections are undertaken by the Company to meet the requirements of 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-58.7.F.8, and the addition of a provision providing for a pass-through of any bulk water supply or bulk sewer treatment service rates or charges, including tap fees, when imposed on the Company by a third party provider.

In support of its request for an adjustment in the Company's water and sewer rates, terms and conditions USSC asserts, among other things, that the proposed water and sewer rate increases are necessary in order that it may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers, comply with standards and regulations set by the Department of Health and Environmental Control and other governmental agencies which regulate the environmental aspect of the Company's business, and earn a reasonable return on its investment and attract capital for future improvements. The Company also asserts that the proposed water and sewer rate increases are necessary to preserve its financial integrity and to permit continued investment in and maintenance of its facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality services.

THE PROPOSED <u>CHANGES</u> IN THE RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW (The complete rate schedule is available from the Company at the address below and on the Commission's website at <u>www.psc.state.sc.us</u>

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WATER

1.	Monthly Charges Residential (less than 1" meter)	Current York/Lancaster Counties	Current Anderson/Abbeville Counties	Current Oak Ridge Hunt Club	Current All Other Areas	Proposed
	Basic Facilities Charge	\$9.00 per unit	\$10.50 per unit	\$8.00 < 1" meter	\$9.00 < 1" meter	\$15.68 per unit
	Commodity Charge	\$2.60 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft	\$3.15 per 1,000 gallons	\$72.00 2' meter \$3.32 per 1,000 gallons	\$81.00 2' meter \$3.62 per 1,000 gallons	\$ 4.30 per 1,000
	Commercial/Residential (for 1" meter or greater) Basic Facilities Charge By Meter Size		G	8	guitoris	gallons or 134 cft
	1" meter 1.5" meter 2" meter 3" meter 4" meter Commodity Charge	n/a n/a n/a n/a n/a n/a	n/a n/a n/a n/a n/a n/a	\$22.50 \$45.00 \$45.00 n/a n/a \$3.32 per 1,000 gallons	\$25.30 \$50.63 \$81.00 n/a n/a \$3.6 2 per 1,000 gallons	\$39.20 \$78.40 \$125.44 \$250.88 \$392.00 \$4.30 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft
	Charge for Water Distribution Only Residential (for less than 1" meter)					
	Basic Facilities Charge Commodity Charge	same as residential same as residential	same as residential same as residential	same as residential same as residential	same as residential same as residential	\$15.68 per unit \$2.46 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft
	Commercial/Residential (for 1" meter or greater) Basic Facilities Charge By Meter Size					
	1" 1.5" 2" 3" 4" Commodity Charge:	n/a n/a n/a n/a n/a	n/a n/a n/a n/a n/a	\$22.50 \$45.00 \$45.00 n/a n/a \$3.32 per 1,000 gallons	\$25.30 \$50.63 \$81.00 n/a n/a \$3.6 2 per 1,000 gallons	\$39.20 \$78.40 \$125.44 \$250.88 \$392.00 \$2.46 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft
2.	Nonrecurring Charges					
	Account Set-Up And Reconnection C a. Customer Account Charge (new customers only) – All Areas	harges – All Areas \$25.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
	b. Reconnection Charges	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$35.00

DOCKET NO. 2005-___-WS NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING PAGE 3

		SEWER	
1.	Monthly Charges	Current	Proposed
	Residential - monthly charge per		
	single-family house, condominium, villa, or apartment unit	\$25.00 per unit	\$41.39 per unit
	Mobile Homes – monthly charge	•	•
		\$25.00 per unit	\$29.74 per unit
	Commercial –monthly charge	n/a	\$41.39 per SFE
	Charge for Sewer Collection Only Residential – monthly charge per		
	single-family house, condominium,		
	or apartment unit	n/a	\$26.64 per unit
	Commercial - monthly charge		
	Per single-family equivalent	n/a	\$26.64per SFE
	Solid Intercentor Tentes		
	Solid Interceptor Tanks For all customers receiving sewage collection ser	vice through an approve	ed solids interceptor tank, the following additional charges
	A. Pumping Charge	n/a	\$150.00
2.	Nonrecurring Charges		
	Account Set-Up and Reconnection Charges a. Customer Account Charge – new customers	n/a	#25.00
	b. Reconnection Charges	n/a	\$25.00 \$35.00 (where Elder Valve installed)
			\$250.00 (where no Elder Valve installed)
In ord	ler for testimony and evidence to be r	agained from all	interested parties, a public hearing will be
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina Attn: Docketing Department Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO.	2005-217	-WS
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IN RE:)	
Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. for adjustment of)	APPLICATION
rates and charges and modifications to)	
certain terms and conditions for the provision of water and sewer service.)	
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Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. ("Applicant" or "Company") would respectfully show unto, and request of, the Commission as follows:

BACKGROUND

- 1. Applicant is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina.
- 2. Applicant is a public utility, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-10(3) (Supp. 2004), providing water and/or sewer services to the public for compensation in the South Carolina counties of Abbeville, Anderson, Lancaster, Lexington, Richland, Saluda, Sumter and York pursuant to rates approved by the Commission in Docket Nos. 93-636-W/S, 94-304-W and 96-213-W and authorized to be imposed by Applicant in Docket No. 2002-124-W/S.

¹In its Order No. 2002-533 dated July 30, 2002 in Docket No. 2002-124-W/S, the Commission approved the transfer to Applicant of the water and/or sewer facilities, territories and certificates formerly held by Utilities of South Carolina, Inc. ("USCI") and South Carolina Water and Sewer, LLC ("SCWS"). USCI had previously acquired Blue Ribbon Water Corp. (rates approved in Docket No. 93-636-W/S) and Upstate Heater Utilities, Inc. (rates approved in

3. All communications or inquiries regarding this Application should be directed as set forth below:

a. Applicant's Representative:

Mr. Steven M. Lubertozzi, CPA Director, Regulatory Accounting Utilities, Inc. 2335 Sanders Road Northbrook, Illinois 60062-6196

b. Legal Counsel:

John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A. Post Office Box 8416 Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416 (803) 252-3300

REQUEST FOR RATE RELIEF

4. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240 (Supp. 2004) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. RR. 103-512.4.A and 103-712.4.A (1976, as amended), Applicant requests that the Commission approve the monthly water and sewer service charges set forth in the eight (8) page rate schedule attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit "A." Also, pursuant to R. 103-703 and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. R. 103-503 (1976), Applicant proposes a modification to the terms and conditions under which a tenant will be billed for water and sewer services to comport with current S.C. Code Ann. § 27-33-50 (Supp. 2004), as same may be amended in the future. Further, pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. R. 103-703 (1976), Applicant proposes to add language requiring its water customers to conduct cross connection

Docket No. 94-304-W). SCWS had previously acquired Heater Utilities (rates approved in Docket No. 96-213-W).

testing, and to add a charge for same if such inspections are undertaken by Applicant, to meet the requirements of 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. R. 61-58.7.F.8 (Supp. 2004). Finally, the Applicant proposes to add a provision providing for a pass-through of any bulk water supply or bulk sewer treatment service rates or charges, including tap fees, when imposed on the Company by a third party provider.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- 5. Applicant proposes a test year of January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004 and has prepared certain financial statements relating to that time period in support of the Application, which statements are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit "B," pages 1 through 10. These financial statements include the following:
 - a. Balance Sheet (Schedule A);
 - b. Current and pro forma income and expense statements (Schedule B), and
 - c. Rate base and rate of return information (Schedule C).²

Applicant also submits, as Exhibit "B" pages 11 through 13, the following information in support of the Application:

- d. Water and sewer consumption analyses (Schedule D)
- e. Water and sewer proposed revenues (Schedule E)
- f. Schedule of current and projected customers (Schedule F)

²These calculations are for informational purposes only as Applicant will submit evidence with respect to proper returns on equity and rate base at hearing.

- 6. Attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit "C" is the most recent approval letter from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC").
- 7. Attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit "D" is the Company's current customer bill form.
- 8. There is on file with this Commission a performance bond given to satisfy the requirements of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-720 (Supp. 2004).
 - 9. A map depicting Applicant's current service area is on file with the Commission.
- 10. The financial statements, the other documents submitted herewith, and the references to documents on file with the Commission are offered to comply with Commission Rules R. 103-512.4.A and R. 103-712.4.A and to provide information useful to the Commission in considering the reasonableness of the proposed rate schedule.³

NEED AND JUSTIFICATION FOR RATE RELIEF

11. Applicant submits that the proposed rate increase is necessary in order that it may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers, cover its expenses, be permitted an opportunity to earn a reasonable return on its investment, and attract capital for future improvements. Said rates are also necessary in order that the Applicant may comply with standards and regulations set by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control or other environmental regulatory authorities. Said rates will preserve the financial

³Because Applicant utilizes a composite depreciation rate of 1 ½%, no depreciation schedule by categories of plant or average service lives exists. The Applicant will, of course, make available copies of the Company's depreciation workpapers in the course of the audit in

integrity of the Applicant, promote continued investment in and maintenance of its facilities, and thereby permit Applicant to continue providing reliable and high quality water and sewer services.

REQUEST FOR RATE BASE TREATMENT

12. Applicant further submits that given its substantial plant investment, and specifically the rate base reflected on Schedule C of Exhibit "B," Applicant is entitled to have the reasonableness of its proposed rates determined in accordance with the rate of return on rate base methodology. Accordingly, Applicant requests rate base treatment in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, having fully set forth its Application, Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. prays that the Commission approve the rates proposed and grant to Applicant such other and further relief as the Commission may deem just and proper.

John M. S. Hoefer

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Post Office Box 8416

Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416

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Attorneys for Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc.

This 19th day of July, 2005. Columbia, South Carolina

EXHIBIT A

UTILITIES SERVICES OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

WATER

1. Monthly Charges Residential

Basic Facilities Charge per single family house, condominium, mobile home or apartment unit:

\$15.68 per unit*

Commodity Charge:

\$4.30 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft

Commercial

Basic Facilities Charge by meter size:

1"	o	\$39.20
1.5"	0	\$78.40
2"	0	\$125.44
3"	0	\$250.88
4"	0	\$392.00

Commodity Charge:

\$4.30 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft

Charges for Water Distribution Only

Where water is purchased from a government body or agency or other entity for distribution and resale by the Company, the following rates apply:

Residential

Basic Facilities Charge per single family house, condominium, mobile home or apartment unit:

\$15.68 per unit*

Commodity charge:

\$2.46 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft

^{*}Residential customers with meters of 1" or larger will be charged commercial rate

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Commercial

Basic Facilities Charge by meter size:

1"	0	\$39.20
1.5"	0	\$78.40
2"	0	\$125.44
3"	0	\$250.88
4"	o	\$392.00

Commodity charge:

\$2.46 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft

The Utility will also charge for the cost of water purchased from the government body or agency, or other entity. The charges imposed or charged by the government body or agency, or other entity providing the water supply will be charged to the Utility's affected customers on a pro rata basis without markup. Where the Utility is required by regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the Utility to interconnect to the water supply system of a government body or agency or other entity and tap/connection/impact fees are imposed by that entity, such tap/connection/impact fees will also be charged to the Utility's affected customers on a pro rata basis, without markup.

Commercial customers are those not included in the residential category above and include, but are not limited to hotels, stores, restaurants, offices, industry, etc.

The Utility will, for the convenience of the owner, bill a tenant in a multi-unit building, consisting of four or more residential units, which is served by a master water meter or a single water connection. However, in such cases all arrearages must be satisfied before service will be provided to a new tenant or before interrupted service will be restored. Failure of an owner to pay for services rendered to a tenant in these circumstances may result in service interruptions.

When, because of the method of water line installation utilized by the developer or owner, it is impractical to meter each unit separately, service will be provided through a single meter, and consumption of all units will be averaged; a bill will be calculated based on that average and the result multiplied by the number of units served by a single meter.

2. Nonrecurring Charges

Tap Fees

\$500 per SFE*

3. Account Set-Up and Reconnection Charges

a. Customer Account Charge - for new customers only.

All Areas \$25.00

b. Reconnection Charges: In addition to any other charges that may be due, a reconnection fee of thirty five dollars (\$35.00) shall be due prior to the Utility reconnecting service which has been disconnected for any reason set forth in Commission Rule R.103-732.5. Customers who ask to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection will be charged the monthly base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected. The reconnection fee shall also be due prior to reconnection if water service has been disconnected at the request of the customer.

4. Billing Cycle

Recurring charges will be billed monthly in arrears. Nonrecurring charges will be billed and collected in advance of service being provided.

5. Extension of Utility Service Lines and Mains

The Utility shall have no obligation at its expense to extend its utility service lines or mains in order to permit any customer to connect to its water system. However, anyone or any entity which is willing to pay all costs associated with extending an appropriately sized and constructed main or utility service line from his/her/its premises to any appropriate connection point, to pay the appropriate fees and charges set forth in this rate schedule, and comply with the guidelines and standards hereof, shall not be denied service, unless water supply is unavailable or unless the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control or other government entity has restricted the Utility from adding for any reason additional customers to the serving water system. In no event will the Utility be required to construct additional water supply capacity to serve any customer or entity without an agreement acceptable to the Utility first having been reached for the payment of all costs associated with adding water supply capacity to the affected water system.

6. Cross Connection Inspection Fee

Any customer installing, permitting to be installed, or maintaining any cross connection between the Utility's water system and any other non-public water system, sewer or a line from any container of liquids or other substances, must install an approved back-flow prevention device in accordance with 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. R.61-58.7.F.2 (Supp. 2004), as may be amended from time to time. Such a customer shall annually have such cross connection inspected by a licensed certified tester and provide to Utility a copy of a written inspection report and testing results submitted by the certified tester in accordance with 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. R.61—58.7.F.8.(Supp. 2004), as may be amended from time to time. Said report and results must be

provided by the customer to the Utility no later than June 30th of each year. Should a customer subject to these requirements fail to timely provide such report and results, Utility may arrange for inspection and testing by a licensed certified tester and add the charges incurred by the Utility in that regard to the customer's next bill.

* A Single Family Equivalent (SFE) shall be determined by using the South Carolina Department of Environmental Control Guidelines for Unit Contributory Loadings for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities -- 25 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-67 Appendix A (Supp. 2004), as may be amended from time to time. Where applicable, such guidelines shall be used for determination of the appropriate monthly service and tap fee.

SEWER

1. Monthly Charges

Residential - charge per single-family house, condominium, villa, or apartment unit:

\$41.39 per unit

Mobile Homes:

\$29.74 per unit

Commercial:

\$41.39 per SFE*

Commercial customers are those not included in the residential category above and include, but are not limited to, hotels, stores, restaurants, offices, industry, etc.

Charge for Sewer Collection Only

When sewage is collected by the Utility and transferred to a government body or agency, or other entity, for treatment, the Utility's rates are as follows:

Residential - per single-family house, condominium, or apartment unit

\$26.64 per unit

Commercial - per single-family equivalent

\$26.64 per SFE*

The Utility will also charge for treatment services provided by the government body or agency, or other entity. The rates imposed or charged by the government body or agency, or other, entity providing treatment will be charged to the Utility's affected customers on a pro rata basis, without markup. Where the Utility is required under the terms of a 201/208 Plan, or by other regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the Utility, to interconnect to the sewage treatment system of a government body or agency or other entity and tap/connection/impact fees are imposed by that entity, such tap/connection/impact fees will be charged to the Utility's affected customers on a pro rata basis, without markup.

The Utility will, for the convenience of the owner, bill a tenant in a multi-unit building, consisting of four or more residential units, which is served by a master sewer meter or a single sewer connection. However, in such cases all arrearages must be satisfied before service will be provided to a new tenant or before interrupted service will be restored. Failure of an owner to pay for services rendered to a tenant in these circumstances may result in service interruptions.

Solids Interceptor Tanks

For all customers receiving sewage collection service through an approved solids interceptor tank, the following additional charges shall apply:

A. Pumping Charge

At such time as the Utility determines through

its inspection that excessive solids have accumulated in the interceptor tank, the Utility will arrange for pumping the tank and will include \$150.00 as a separate item in the next regular billing to the customer.

B. Pump Repair or Replacement Charge

If a separate pump is required to transport the customer's sewage from solids interceptor tank to the Utility's sewage collection system, the Utility will arrange to have this pump repaired or replaced as required and will include the cost of such repair or replacement and may be paid for over a one year period.

C. Visual Inspection Port

In order for a customer who uses a solids interceptor tank to receive sewage service from the Utility or to continue to receive such service, the customer shall install at the customer's expense a visual inspection port which will allow for observation of the contents of the solids interceptor tank and extraction of test samples therefrom. Failure to provide such a visual inspection port after timely notice of not less than thirty (30) days shall be just cause for interruption of service until a visual inspection port has been installed.

2. Nonrecurring Charges

Tap Fee

\$500 per SFE*

The nonrecurring charges listed above are minimum charges and apply even if the equivalency rating of a non residential customer is less than one (1). If the equivalency rating of a non residential customer is greater than one (1), then the proper charge may be obtained by multiplying the equivalency rating by the appropriate fee. These charges apply and are due at the time new service is applied for, or at the time connection to the sewer system is requested.

3. Notification, Account Set-Up and Reconnection Charges

a. Notification Fee

A fee of six dollars (\$6.00) shall be charged each customer to whom the Utility mails the notice as required by Commission Rule R. 103-535.1 prior to service being discontinued. This fee assesses a portion of the clerical and mailing costs of such notices to the customers creating the cost.

b. Customer Account Charge - for new customers only.

All Areas

\$25.00

A one-time fee to defray the costs of initiating service. This charge will be waived if the customer also takes water service.

c. Reconnection Charges: In addition to any other charges that may be due, a reconnection fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) shall be due prior to the Utility reconnecting service which has been disconnected for any reason set forth in Commission Rule R.103-532.4. Where an elder valve has been previously installed, a reconnection charge of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) shall be due. Customers who ask to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection will be charged the monthly service charge for the service period they were disconnected.

4. Billing Cycle

Recurring charges will be billed monthly, in arrears. Nonrecurring charges will be billed and collected in advance of service being provided.

Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Guidelines

The Utility will not accept or treat any substance or material that has been defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") or the South Carolina Department of Environmental Control ("DHEC") as a toxic pollutant, hazardous waste, or hazardous substance, including pollutants falling within the provisions of 40 CFR 129.4 and 401.15. Additionally, pollutants or pollutant properties subject to 40 CFR 403.5 and 403.6 are to be processed according to the pretreatment standards applicable to such pollutants or pollutant properties, and such standards constitute the Utility's minimum pretreatment standards. Any person or entity introducing any such prohibited or untreated materials into the Company's sewer system may have service interrupted without notice until such discharges cease, and shall be liable to the Utility for all damages and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the Utility as a result thereof.

6. Extension of Utility Service Lines and Mains

The Utility shall have no obligation at its expense to extend its utility service lines or mains in order to permit any customer to discharge acceptable wastewater into one of its sewer systems. However, anyone or any entity which is willing to pay all costs associated with extending an appropriately sized and constructed main or utility service line from his/her/its premises to an appropriate connection point, to pay the appropriate fees and charges set forth in this rate schedule and to comply with the guidelines and standards hereof, shall not be denied service, unless treatment capacity is unavailable or

unless the South Carolina Department or Health and Environmental Control or other government entity has restricted the Utility from adding for any reason additional customers to the serving sewer system.

In no event will the Utility be required to construct additional wastewater treatment capacity to serve any customer or entity without an agreement acceptable to the Utility first having been reached for the payment of all costs associated with adding wastewater treatment capacity to the affected sewer system.

*A Single Family Equivalent (SFE) shall be determined by using the South Carolina Department of Environmental Control Guidelines for Unit Contributory Loading for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities --25 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-67 Appendix A (Supp. 2004), as may be amended from time to time. Where applicable, such guidelines shall be used for determination of the appropriate monthly service and tap fee.

	Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. Balance Sheet December 30, 2004	na, Inc.	Schedule A
Assets		<u>Liabilities and Other Credits</u>	
Plant In Service Water	\$ 7,811,997	Capital Stock and Retained Earnings	×
Sewer Total	204,472 8,016,469	Common Stock and Paid In Capital Retained Earnings	5,716,429 234,902
Accumulated Depreciation-Water Accumulated Depreciation-Sewer	(1,614,644)	Total Current and Accrised Liabilities	5,951,331
Total	(1,639,923)	Accounts Payable-Trade Taxes Accrued	38,889
Net Utility Plant	6,376,546	Customer Deposits Customer Deposits - Interest A/P - Assoc. Companies Deferred Revenue	104,906 9,429 2,008,648
Plant Acquisition Adjustment-Water Plant Acquisition Adjustment-Sewer Total	1,180,579 65,678	Total Advances In Aid of Construction Water Sewer	2,161,873
Construction Work In Process-Water Construction Work In Process-Sewer Total	538	Total Contributions In Aid of Construction Water Sewer	28,686
Current Assets Cash Accounts Becaimelo Ma	ı	Total	28,686
Other Current Assets Total	374,158 4,133 378,290	Accumulated Deferred Income Tax Unamortized ITC Deferred Tax - Federal Deferred Tax - State	520,934
Deferred Charges TOTAL ASSETS	35,949 \$ 8,663,452 T	Total TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS	\$21,562

Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. Combined Operations Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Schedule B Page 1 of 4

Operating Revenues		Per Books		Pro Forma Adjustments	_		Pro Forma Present		Proposed Increase			Pro Forma Proposed
Service Revenues - Water	\$	2,142,888	\$	(1,344) [a]		2141.544			-	_	Troposeu
Service Revenues - Sewer		109,659	Ψ	(2,550			2,141,544	\$	750,809	[a] :	\$ 2,892,353
Miscellaneous Revenues		80,466		(2,550	, fol		107,109		70,221			177,329
Uncollectible Accounts		(30,238)		-			80,466 (30,238)		(11.000)			80,466
Total Operating Revenues		2,302,774	-	(3,894)	-	_	2,298,880		(11,039)	. [ե	·] _	(41,278)
Maintenance Expenses			•		-	-	2,270,000		809,990		_	3,108,870
Salaries and Wages		150 100										
Purchased Power		479,180		125,701	[c]		604,881		_			604 001
Purchased Sewer & Water		140,181		7,407	(i)		147,588		_			604,881
Maintenance and Repair		316,770		(316,770)	[m]		´-		_			147,588
Maintenance Testing		259,550		13,715	[j]		273,264					272.264
Meter Reading		39,576		2,091	[i]		41,668					273,264
Chemicals		17,968		949	61		18,918		_			41,668
Transportation		13,952		737	6)		14,689		-			18,918
Operating Exp. Charged to Plant		65,009		9,287	[n]		74,296		-			14,689
Outside Services - Other		(304,457)		(82,719)			(387,176)		-			74,296
Outside Services - Other		28,709					28,709		-			(387,176)
Total		1,056,437		(239,602)			816,835					28,709
General Expenses				(237,002)			810,833				_	816,835
Salaries and Wages		112.015										
Office Supplies & Other Office Exp.		112,917		11,879	[c]		124,796		-			124,796
Regulatory Commission Exp.		115,776		6,118	[i]		121,894		-			121,894
Pension & Other Benefits		21		108,523	[d]		108,544		_			108,544
Rent		106,211		23,036	[c]		129,247		_			129,247
Insurance		14,350		758	[i]		15,108		_			15,108
Office Utilities		75,019		3,964	[i]		78,983		_			
Miscellaneous		34,334		1,814	(i)		36,148		_			78,983
		21,012	-	1,110	Ü) .		22,123					36,148 22,123
Total		479,641		157,203	_		636,843					636,843
Depreciation		192 102										050,015
Amortization of PAA		183,102		14,990	[e]		198,092		-			198,092
Taxes Other Than Income		25,964			[1]		1,789					1,789
Income Taxes - Federal		345,885		(16,216)	[f]		329,668		8,752	ſſ		338,420
Income Taxes - State		(21,166)			[g]		(19,155)			[g]		239,645
Amortization of ITC		147		(3,112)	[g]		(2,965)			[g]		37,097
Amortization of CIAC		- (2.5.)		-			-		-	.01		57,057
•	-	(354)		274	[e] _		(81)	·—	-			(81)
Total	 -	533,578		(26,229)	_		507,348		307,614			814,962
Total Operating Expenses		2,069,655		(108,629)			1,961,027		307,614			2,268,641
Net Operating Income	\$	233,119	\$	104,735	-	\$	337,853	\$	502,376	•	\$	840,229
Net Income for Return		233,119	\$	104,735		\$	337,853	\$	502,376		\$	840,229

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Operating Revenues		Per Books	· <u>-</u>	Pro Forma Adjustments	-		Pro Forma Present		Proposed Increase			Pro Forma Proposed
Service Revenues - Water	\$	2,142,888	\$	(1.244)						-	-	
Service Revenues - Sewer		-,,000	Ψ	(1,344)	[0]] \$	2,141,544	\$	750,809) [a	ı)	\$ 2,892,353
Miscellaneous Revenues		77,618					-					-
Uncollectible Accounts		(28,802)					77,618					77,618
	_	(=0,002)				_	(28,802)		(10,098) [b	.]	(38,900)
Total Operating Revenues		2,191,704		(1,344)			2,190,360		740 711	_	_	
Maintenance Expenses			-		•		2,170,300	_	740,711	-	-	2,931,071
Salaries and Wages		453.007										
Purchased Power		453,927		119,103	[c]		573,030					573,030
Purchased Water		128,071		6,767	[i]		134,839					134,839
Maintenance and Repair		316,770		(316,770)	[m]	ľ	-					134,639
Maintenance Testing		221,003		11,678	(i)		232,681					232,681
Meter Reading		32,898		1,738	[i]		34,637					34,637
Chemicals		17,968		949	[i]		18,918					18,918
Transportation		13,217		698	[i]		13,915					13,915
Operating Exp. Charged to Plant		61,583		8,798	[n]		70,380					70,380
Outside Services - Other		(288,412)		(78,360)	[k]		(366,772)					(366,772)
out of the same		27,196					27,196					27,196
Total		984,221		(245,399)			738,823			•		738,823
General Expenses								•		•	_	730,023
Salaries and Wages		106,966		11 250	r. 3							
Office Supplies & Other Office Exp.		109,675		11,259 5,795	[c]		118,225					118,225
Regulatory Commission Exp.		20		3,793 102,804	[j]		115,470					115,470
Pension & Other Benefits		100,614		21,828	[d]		102,824					102,824
Rent		13,594		718	[c]		122,441					122,441
Insurance		71,066		3,755	[]]		14,312					14,312
Office Utilities		32,525			[j]		74,821					74,821
Miscellaneous		19,905		1,719	[j]		34,243					34,243
Total		,,,,,,,,		1,052	Ü]		20,957				_	20,957
Total		454,363		148,929			603,293					603,293
Depreciation		178,039		12 400								
Amortization of PAA		24,595		12,489	[e]		190,528					190,528
Taxes Other Than Income		327,754			[1]		1,695					1,695
Income Taxes - Federal		(20,161)			[f]		312,394		8,003	[f]		320,398
Income Taxes - State		140			[g]		(5,735)		236,665	[g]		230,930
Amortization of ITC		140		(1,028)	[g]		(888)		36,635	[g]		35,748
Amortization of CIAC		(354)		274	[e]		(81)					-
Total							(01)					(81)
		510,013		(12,099)	-		497,914		281,303			779,218
Total Operating Expenses		1,948,598		(108,568)	_		1,840,030		281,303			2,121,333
Net Operating Income	\$	243,106	\$	107,224		\$	350,330	\$	459,408	•	\$	809,738
Net Income for Return	\$	243,106	\$	107,224	_	\$	350,330	\$	459,408	_	\$	809,738

Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. Sewer Operations Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

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Operating Revenues		Per Books	- <u>-</u>	Pro Forma Adjustments	_	Pro Forma Present	 Proposed Increase			Pro Forma Proposed
Service Revenues - Water Service Revenues - Sewer Miscellaneous Revenues Uncollectible Accounts	\$	109,659 2,848 (1,436)		(2,550)	[o]	\$ 107,109 2,848 (1,436)	\$ 70,221			177,329 2,848
Total Operating Revenues		111,070		(2,550)	-	 108,520	 (942 69,279			(2,378)
Maintenance Expenses					-	 	 09,219	-		177,799
Salaries and Wages		25,253		6,598	6.3					
Purchased Power		12,110			[c]	31,851				31,851
Purchased Sewer		12,110		640	[i]	12,749				12,749
Maintenance and Repair		38,546		2.027	r	-				-
Maintenance Testing		6,678		2,037	[j]	40,583				40,583
Meter Reading		0,078		353	[i]	7,031				7,031
Chemicals		735		- 20	F*3	-				-
Transportation		3,426		39	[i]	774				774
Operating Exp. Charged to Plant		(16,045)		489	[n]	3,915				3,915
Outside Services - Other		1,513		(4,359)	[k]	(20,404)				(20,404)
		1,313				 1,513	 			1,513
Total		72,216		5,796		 78,012	 -			78,012
General Expenses										
Salaries and Wages		5,951		621	6.3					
Office Supplies & Other Office Exp.		6,101		322	[c]	6,571				6,571
Regulatory Commission Exp.		0,101		5,719	[i]	6,424				6,424
Pension & Other Benefits		5,597		1,208	[d]	5,720				5,720
Rent		756		40	[c] [i]	6,806				6,806
Insurance		3,954		209	(i)	796				796
Office Utilities		1,809		96	(i)	4,162				4,162
Miscellaneous		1,107		59	(i)	1,905 1,166				1,905 1,166
Total	·	25,277		8,273	•	33,550		-		33,550
Depreciation		5,063		2.501		 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	 	-		33,330
Amortization of PAA		1,368		2,501	[e]	7,564				7,564
Taxes Other Than Income		18,131		(1,274)		94				94
Income Taxes - Federal		(1,005)		(857)	[f]	17,274	749	[f]		18,023
Income Taxes - State		(1,003)			[g]	(13,421)	22,135	[g]		8,715
Amortization of ITC		_ ′		(2,084)	[g]	(2,078)	3,427	[g]		1,349
Amortization of CIAC		<u>-</u>		_	[e]	-				-
Total		23,565		(14,130)	_	 9,434	 26,310	-		35,745
Total Operating Expenses		121,058		(61)	_	120,997	 26,310	-	 .	147,307
Net Operating Income	\$	(9,987)	\$	(2,490)		\$ (12,477)	\$ 42,969	:	 \$	30,491
Net Income for Return	\$	(9,987)	\$	(2,490)	<u>.</u>	\$ (12,477)	\$ 42,969	\$	\$	30,491

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Explanation of Adjustments to Income Statement

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- [a] Revenues are annualized at proposed rates using the actual test year customers.
- [b] Uncollectible accounts are adjusted based on the percentage of uncollectible accounts to revenues in the test year applied to pro forma proposed revenues.
- [c] Salaries, wages and benefits are adjusted to annualize as of 12/31/04. An adjustment of 3.5% to annualized wages has also been included to reflect upcoming increases in salaries. In addition, bonuses have been excluded from pro forma salaries.
- [d] Regulatory commission expense has been adjusted to reflect the cost of the current rate case over 3 years.
- [e] Depreciation and amortization expense are annualized. Depreciation expense represents gross depreciable plant at 12/31/04 plus actual and estimated general ledger additions, actual and estimated net capital projects additions, and actual and estimated capitalized time additions, multiplied by the depreciation rate of 1.5%.
- [f] Taxes other than income are adjusted for annualized payroll taxes, utility commission taxes, real estate taxes, and gross receipts taxes.
- [g] Income taxes are computed on taxable income at current rates (34% federal and 5.00% state)
- [h] AFUDC is eliminated for rate making purposes.
- [i] Interest on debt has been computed using a 55.91% / 44.09% debt / equity ratio and a 7.28% cost of debt. The 55.91% and 7.28% are multiplied by pro forma present rate base to determine interest on debt.
- [j] Adjustment for an estimated increase in certain expenses through the audit date.
- [k] Operating expense charged to plant has been adjusted for projected increases in salaries, taxes, and benefits for operators.
- [I] Amortization of PAA is adjusted for the change in value of PAA at acquisition.
- [m] Purchased water expense has been removed from the income statement, as the Company will be requesting this item for pass-through treatment.

 If the proposed purchased water pass through is denied the Utility's operation & maintenance expense will have to increase accordingly.
- [n] Additional transportation expense for newly hired employees.
- [0] Adjustment using billing information for the test year ended 12/31/04.

Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. Combined Operations Rate Base and Rate of Return Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

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Mag. vi a	Per Books	Pro Forma Adjustments	_	As Adjusted	Proposed Increase		Effect of Proposed Increase
Net Operating Income	\$ 233,119	104,735	\$	337,853	502,376	s	840 220
Gross Plant In Service Accumulated Depreciation Net Plant In Service Cash Working Capital Contributions In Aid of Construction Advances in Aid of Construction Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes Elevated Storage Tank Removal Extraordinary Retirement Customer Deposits Capitalized Time Plant Acquisition Adjustment Excess Book Value Water Service Corporation Pro Forma Plant Pro Forma Plant Retirements Total Rate Base	\$ 8,367,148 [g. (719,490) 7,647,659 192,010 (28,686) (521,562) (104,906) 55,561 55,	373,747 382,332 756,080 (10,301) - - (110,563) (30,293) (9,429) 173,109 (1,131,464) 963 - 1,553,551 (413,839)	[d] [c] [a] [l] [l] [l] [l] [l] [b] [b] [b] [b] [b] [b] [b] [c] [c] [c] [c] [c] [c] [c] [c] [c] [c	8,740,896 (337,157) 8,403,738 181,709 (28,686) (521,562) (110,563) (30,293) (114,336) 173,109 114,793 963 55,561 1,553,551 (413,839)		s	840,229 8,740,896 (337,157) 8,403,738 181,709 (28,686) - (521,562) (110,563) (30,293) (114,336) 173,109 114,793 963 55,561 1,553,551 (413,839) 9,264,147
Return on Rate Base	2.75%		-	3.65%		_	9.07%

- [a] Working capital is calculated based on pro forma maintenance expenses and pro forma general expenses.
- [b] Pro forma plant is adjusted for net planned additional capital investments that will be completed by the completion of the audit and is only an estimate.

 The Company will only be requesting rate base treatment on actual capital expenditures through the audit.
- [c] Accumulated depreciation is adjusted for planned additional capital investments [b], invoiced and estimated additions to gross plant in service [d], and completed and estimated additions to capitalized time [e]. In addition, A/D has been restated using a 1.5% depreciation rate.
- [d] January 2005 through May 2005 actual invoiced general ledger additions, plus estimated invoiced general ledger additions through the audit.

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- [e] January 2005 through May 2005 actual capitalized time additions, plus estimated capitalized time additions through the audit. This is only an estimate. The Company will only be requesting rate base treatment on actual capital expenditures through the audit.
- [f] Customer deposits have been adjusted to include accrued interest on customer deposits as a reduction to rate base.
- [g] Restated per books plant and accumulated depreciation, including organization costs in plant and restating A/D to 1.5%.
- [h] PAA has been adjusted to account for the restatement of plant and accumulated depreciation. Should the Commission disallow this restatement, PAA at 12/31/04 would total \$1,246,257 for water and sewer.
- [i] Removed items that were in service at acquisition but being properly abandoned.
- [j] Removed net amount of elevated storage tank that was relocated to North Carolina.

Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. Water Operations Rate Base and Rate of Return Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

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	 Per Books	Pro Forma Adjustments	_	As Adjusted	Proposed Increase		Effect of Proposed Increase
Net Operating Income	\$ 243,106	107,224	\$_	350,330	459,408	\$	809,738
Gross Plant In Service Accumulated Depreciation Net Plant In Service Cash Working Capital Contributions In Aid of Construction Advances in Aid of Construction Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes Elevated Storage Tank Removal Extraordinary Retirement Customer Deposits Capitalized Time Plant Acquisition Adjustment Excess Book Value Water Service Corporation Pro Forma Plant Pro Forma Plant Retirements Total Rate Base	\$ 8,144,078 [g] (713,900) 7,430,179 179,823 (28,686) - (493,677) - (99,378) - 1,180,579 - 52,635	362,698 384,305 747,003 (12,059) - - (110,563) (30,293) (8,932) 164,912 (1,071,835) 912 - 1,441,314 (413,839)	[d] [c] [a] [i] [f] [e] [h]	8,506,777 (329,595) 8,177,181 167,764 (28,686) - (493,677) (110,563) (30,293) (108,310) 164,912 108,744 912 52,635 1,441,314 (413,839)	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	\$ -	8,506,777 (329,595) 8,177,181 167,764 (28,686) - (493,677) (110,563) (30,293) (108,310) 164,912 108,744 912 52,635 1,441,314 (413,839)
A Votal Rate Dage	\$ 8,221,475 \$	706,620	s <u> </u>	8,928,095 \$	-	\$ _	8,928,095
Return on Rate Base	2.96%			3.92%		***	9.07%

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Plant by Categorie	s - water:	12/30/04
3011000	WATER PLANT	
3011001	ORGANIZATION	-
3021002	FRANCHISES	574,124
3033020	LAND & LAND RIGHTS (Pump Plt)	4,289
3036010	LAND & LAND RIGHTS	226.450
3035040	STRUCTURES & IMPROVE (Trans & Dist)	226,459
3042011	STRUCTURES & IMPROVE.(Sourc Sup)	-
3043021	STRUCTURES & IMPROVE.(PUMP.PLT.)	4,042
3044031	STRUCTURES & IMPROVE.(WTR. T.P.)	769,037
3072014	WELLS & SPRINGS	104,069
3113025	ELECTRIC PUMPING EQUIPMENT	644,942 382,062
3113026	ELECTRIC PUMPING EQUIPMENT - NC ONLY	382,002
3204032	WATER TREATMENT EQUIPMENT	248,832
3305042	DISTRIB. RESERVOIRS & STANDPIPES	869,091
3315043	TRANSMISSION & DISTRIB. MAINS	3,048,595
3315044	GALVANIZED MAINS - NC ONLY	3,040,373
3335045	SERVICE LINES	527,077
3345046	METERS	147,635
3345047	METER INSTALLATIONS	31,440
3355048	HYDRANTS	17,678
3391088	UNIFORMS	17,070
3406090	OFFICE STRUCTURES & IMPROVEMENTS	6,276
3406091	OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	26,702
3446095	LABORATORY EQUIPMENT	3,841
3466094	TOOLS, SHOP & MISC. EQUIPMENT	146,466
3466097	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	5,387
3486096	UNDISTRIBUTED WATER PLANT	5,567
	SUB-TOTAL -	7,788,044
3511001	ORGANIZATION	_
3537002	LAND & LAND RIGHTS	_
3542011	LIFT STATION	-
3547003	BUILDINGS & STRUCTURES	
3547012	SPRAY IRRIGATION FACILITIES	
3602006	SEWAGE SERVICE LINES	_
3602007	FORCE OR VACUUM MAINS	-
3612008	SEWER MAINS	
3612010	MANHOLES	_
3804004	SEWER LAGOONS	
3804005	SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT	-
3824009	OUTFALL LINES	-
3907091	OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	-
3937094	TOOLS, SHOP & MISC. EQUIPMENT	-
3967097	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	-
	SUB-TOTAL	-
3917000	TRANSPORTATION	207,868
	SUB-TOTAL	207,868
3406000	COMPUTERS	148,166
3406010	MAINFRAME COMPUTER	. 10,100
	MINI COMPUTERS	
3406110	COMP SYS COST	-
	MICRO SYS COST	_
3406160	MICRO SYS AMORTIZATION	-

Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. Sewer Operations Rate Base and Rate of Return Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

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		Per Books	Pro Forma Adjustments		As Adjusted	Proposed Increase		Effect of Proposed Increase
Net Operating Income	s	(9,987)	(2,490) \$		(12,477)	42,969	\$	30,491
Gross Plant In Service Accumulated Depreciation Net Plant In Service Cash Working Capital Contributions In Aid of Construction Advances in Aid of Construction Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes Elevated Storage Tank Removal Extraordinary Retirement Customer Deposits Capitalized Time Plant Acquisition Adjustment Excess Book Value Water Service Corporation Pro Forma Plant Pro Forma Plant Retirements Total Rate Base	\$	223,070 [8 (5,590) 217,480 12,187 - - (27,885) - (5,529) - 65,678 - 2,926 - -	(1,972) 9,077 1,758 (497) 8,197 (59,628) 51 - 112,237	[d] [c] [a] [j] [j] [j] [h] [b] [b] [b]	234,119 (7,562) 226,557 13,945 - (27,885) - (6,026) 8,197 6,050 51 2,926 112,237		\$ \$	234,119 (7,562) 226,557 13,945 - (27,885) - (6,026) 8,197 6,050 51 2,926 112,237
Return on Rate Base		-3.77%		_	-3.71%			9.07%
Int. Working constal as astronton as				-			-	

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Plant by Categories	s - sewer:	12/30/04
3011001	ORGANIZATION	
3033020	LAND & LAND RIGHTS (Pump Plt)	-
3036010	LAND & LAND RIGHTS	-
3042011	STRUCTURES & IMPROVE.(Sourc Sup)	-
3043021	STRUCTURES & IMPROVE (PUMP.PLT.)	•
3044031	STRUCTURES & IMPROVE.(WTR. T.P.)	· .
3072014	WELLS & SPRINGS	-
3113025	ELECTRIC PUMPING EQUIPMENT	_
3204032	WATER TREATMENT EQUIPMENT	_
3305042	DISTRIB. RESERVOIRS & STANDPIPES	_
3315043	TRANSMISSION & DISTRIB, MAINS	-
3335045	SERVICE LINES	
3345046	METERS	_
3345047	METER INSTALLATIONS	_
3355048	HYDRANTS	-
3391088	UNIFORMS	-
3406090	OFFICE STRUCTURES & IMPROVEMENTS	349
3406091	OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	1,486
3446095	LABORATORY EQUIPMENT	214
3466094	TOOLS, SHOP & MISC. EQUIPMENT	8,148
3466097	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	300
	SUB TOTAL	10,496
3511000	SEWER PLANT	_
3511001	ORGANIZATION	47,623
3521020	FRANCHISES	117
3537002	LAND & LAND RIGHTS	12,598
3542011	LIFT STATION	9,207
3547003	BUILDINGS & STRUCTURES	3,917
3547012	SPRAY IRRIGATION FACILITIES	•
3602006	SEWAGE SERVICE LINES	1,459
3547096	UNDISTRIBUTED SEWER PLANT	
3602007	FORCE OR VACUUM MAINS	408
3612008	SEWER MAINS	13,335
3612010	MANHOLES	9,165
3804004	SEWER LAGOONS	4,200
3804005	SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT	90,738
3824009	OUTFALL LINES	-
3907091	OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	-
3937094	TOOLS, SHOP & MISC. EQUIPMENT	-
3967097	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	-
	SUB TOTAL	192,767
3917000	TRANSPORTATION	11,564
	SUB TOTAL	11,564
3406000	COMPUTERS	8,243
3406010	MAINFRAME COMPUTER	0,243
3406020	MINI COMPUTERS	-
3406110	COMP SYS COST	.
3406120	MICRO SYS COST	
3406160	MICRO SYS AMORTIZATION	
	SUB TOTAL	8,243

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Bill code		Gallonage		Jsage Charge	Units		BFC		Revenues
Subdivision -	Anderson								
130001 130006	5/8" residential 3/4" residential	85,641,774 -	\$	3.15 3.15	16,948	s	10.50 10.50	\$	447,726 -
Subdivision -	Columbia								
130003 130005 130007 Subdivision -	5/8" residential 1" residential 2" residential Columbia (Oak Ridge)	210,478,074 259,210 5,211,600	s	3.62 3.62 3.62	38,651 48 216	s	9.00 25.30 81.00	\$	1,109,789 2,153 36,362
130009	5/8" residential	5,979,766	s	3.32	935	s	8.00	s	27,333
Subdivision -	Rock Hill								
130002	5/8" residential	123,734,831	\$	2.60	21,830	s	9.00	\$	518,181
Total		431,305,255			78,628			\$	2,141,544
							t/b erence \$ erence %	s s	2,142,888 (1,344) -0.06%
SEWER									
Bill code					Units		Rate	1	Revenues
Subdivision -	Rock Hill								-
130022	Residential				4,284	\$	25.00	s	107,109
Total					4,284			\$	107,109
							t/b erence \$ erence %	\$	109,659 (2,550) -2.33%

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Bill code	-	Gallonage		Usage Charge	Units		BFC		Revenues
Subdivision	- Anderson (Treatment)				**			-	revolues
130001 130006		15,347,545 -	s	4.30 4.30	3,458	\$	15.68 15.68	\$	120,216
Subdivision	- Anderson (Distribution)								
130001	5/8" residential	70,294,229	\$	2.46	13,490	s	15.68	s	384,447
Subdivision	- Columbia (Treatment)								ĺ
130003		173,219,102	\$	4.30	31,488	s	15.68	s	1,238,574
130005 130007	1" residential 2" residential	-		4.30	-		39.20	•	-
	- Columbia (Distribution)	•		4.30	-		125.44		-
130003									
130003	5/8" residential 1" residential	37,258,972	\$	2.46	7,163	\$	15.68	\$	203,973
130007	2" residential	259,210 5,211,600		2.46 2.46	48 216		39.20 125.44		2,519 39,916
Subdivision -	- Columbia (Oak Ridge Treatment)						120		32,210
130009	5/8" residential	5,979,766	s	4.30	935	\$	15.68	s	40,374
Subdivision -	- Rock Hill (Treatment)							•	10,574
130002	5/8" residential	117,202,321	\$	4,30	20,644	\$	15,68	s	827,668
Subdivision -	- Rock Hill (Distribution)								,
130002	5/8" residential	6,532,510	s	2.46	1,186	\$	15.68	s	34,666
Commercial '	Treatment [Meter Size]								
	5/8" & 3/4" 1"		\$	4.30	= "	\$	15.68	\$	-
	1.5"	-		4.30 4.30			39.20 78.40		-
	2"	•		4.30	-		125.44		-
	3*	•		4.30	-		250.88		-
	4"	-		4.30	-		392.00		-
Commercial I	Distribution [Meter Size]								-
	5/8" & 3/4" 1"	-	\$	2.46	-	\$	15.68	\$	
	1.5*	•		2.46	-		39.20		-
	2"	-		2.46 2.46	•		78.40 125.44		-
	3"	•		2.46	-		250,88		-
Total	4*	101 205 255		2.46			392.00		
		431,305,255			78,628				2,892,353
SEWER									
Bill code					Units		Rate	R	evenues
130022	Residential - Treatment				4,284	s	41.39	\$	177 220
	Commercial - Treatment per SFE				7,204	•	41.39	•	177,329
	Mobile Home				•		29.74		-
	Residential - Collection Only				•		26.64		-
Total					4,284			\$	177,329

Utilities	Services of South Carolina, Inc.	
	Adjustment	

Schedule F

Water		
		Description
Number of customers @ 12/31/03	6,730	Historical
Number of customers @ 12/31/04	6,765	Present
Number of customers @ 12/31/05	6,782	Projected
Sewer	-	,
Number of customer @ 12/21/02	200	
Number of customers @ 12/31/03	375	Historical
Number of customers @ 12/31/04	376	Present
Number of customers @ 12/31/05	377	Projected

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RE:

Your letter of November 24, 2004 (copy enclosed)

List of Utilities Services of SC Water and Wastewater Facilities

Dear Mr. Hoefer:

This letter updates and affirms my letter of November 29, 2004.

I can be reached at 803-898-4157 or at debessjp@dhec.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey/P. deBessonet, P.E., Director Water Facilities Permitting Division

cc: Shawn Clarke

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These facilities all have valid DHEC permits under R.61-9 and R.61-58.

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Sincerely,

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November 24, 2004

AREA COOE 803 TELEPHONE 252-3300 TELECOPIER 256-8062

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VIA TELECOPIER NO. 898-4215 & U.S. MAIL

Mr. Jeff DeBessonet, PE
Director
Water Facilities Permitting Division
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201-1708

RE:

Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. for an increase in water and sewer service rates before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina

Dear Mr. DeBessonet:

This firm represents Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. ("USSC") in connection with a request for rate relief from the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. The Public Service Commission's rules, specifically 26 S.C. Code Regs. RR.103-512.4.A (Supp. 2004) and 103-712.4.A (1976, as amended) require an applicant for rate relief to provide, among other things, a recent letter of approval from the Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC").

In the past, you have provided such a letter for submission to the Public Service Commission, confirming that the utility holds all necessary DHEC permits and describing its authorized plant capacity and current flows (where appropriate). For your reference, attached you will find a list of the water and sewer systems permitted by DHEC for operation by USSC.

We would appreciate your once again providing us with a letter regarding the status of USSC. If you have any questions, or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

John M.S. Hoefer

WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.

JMSH/twb Enclosure

CC:

Mr. Steven M. Lubertozzi

Mr. Daniel A. Baratz

Mr. Bruce T. Haas

System Name	NPDES#
Carrowoods	SC0038113
Country Oaks	SC0039217
Foxwood	SC0027146
Shandon	SC0027189

System Name	Drinking Water System #
Аrrowhead Estates	3250036
Barney Rhett	4650018
Bellmead	0450016
Belmead	3250031
Bridgewater	0450033
Brown Neal	4650047
Brownsboro	4650061
Calhoun Acres	0450014
Cameron Estates	
Carrolton Place	4650059
Carrowoods	4650062
Charleswood	4650035
Charwood	4050008
Clearview	3250035
Country Oaks	0450026
Dobbins Estates	4650020
Dutchman Acres	0450058
Dutchman Shores	3250028
Edgebrook	3250021
Етта Теттасе	0450004
Estates of Hilton	3250022
Farm Pond	3250103
Farrowood	4650056
Fieldcrest	4050012
Foxtrail	0450032
Foxwood	3250038
Glenn Village I	4650008
Greenforest	3250026
Harmon Estates	0450006
Haynie Builders	4050011
Hickory Hills	0450063
	4650025
Hidden Lake(RockHill)	4650040
Hidden Lakes	0450072
Hill and Dale	0450036
Hilton Place	3250072
Indian Cove	3250020
Kim Acres	4650041
Lake Village	3250054
Lakewood	0450065
Lakewood Estates	3250005
Leslewoods	4650051

System Name	Drinking Water System #
Leslie Dale	4660095
Lexington Estates	3250050
Lexington Farms	3250069
Mallard Lakes	4650057
Middlestream	4650052
Milmont Shores	3250025
Murray Lodge	3250013
Murray Park	3250019
Nevitt Forest	0450007
Oakland Plantation	4350006
Oakridge Hunt Club	4050019
Oakwood Estates	0450076
Old Farms .	4650042
Olympic Acres	4650053
Parkwood	3250029
Pepperidge	4660101
Plantation / Wintercrest	4650017
Pleasant Hill	2950006
Polly Circle	4660073
Purdy Shores	0150014
Raintree Acres	4050015
Ridgewood	4650031
Riverbend	4660103
Sangaree	3260012
Shandon	4650009
Sherwood Forest	0450029
Shilo Quarters	4660092
Silver Lakes / Woodwind	4650034
Southbend	4660100
Spring Lakes	4650012
Springfield Acres	4050006
Surfside	0450066
Tanglewood	4150011
Тапуа Тегтасе	3250023
Towncreek Acres	0450003
Valleymere	4650046
Vanarsdale	3250027
Washington Heights	4050013
Wesleywoods	4650016
Windy Hill	3250057
Windy Run	4650048

System Name	Drinking Water System #
Woodbridge	4650028

Utilities, Inc and Affiliated Companies

UTILITIES SERVICES OF S.C. PO BOX 4509 WEST COLUMBIA SC 29171-4539



Acct #

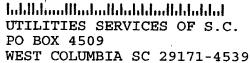
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Due Date

08/09/05

Please Pay

\$73.44



To insure proper credit, return this portion. Please do not staple, clip, or tape.

Customer Service Information Please Retain for Your Records

Remittance Address: UTILITIES SERVICES OF S.C.

For Service or Billing Inquiries Call: 803-796-9545 OR 800-367-4314

PO BOX 4509 WEST COLUMBIA SC 29171-4539 To Pay By Credit or Debit Card, Call 1-877-527-7852. A Convenience Fee Will Be Charged.

Account Information

Description of Charges

Account # Service Addr.

07/15/05 Due Date 08/09/05

PRIOR BALANCE

\$52.37

WATER SC DHEC FEE \$19.14 \$1.93

Prior Read

06/15/05 07/06/05 101610

Current Read Usage

104410

Bill Date

2800

of days this period Average daily usage

21

Average daily water cost

133

Average daily sewer cost

\$1.00 \$0.00

Last Payment

1 1/2% PER MONTH WILL BE ADDED TO ALL AMOUNTS NOT PAID BY THE DUE DATE.

PLEASE PAY

THE PRIOR BALANCE ON THIS BILL REMAINS UNPAID. TERMINATION OF SERVICE WILL BE INITIATED 10 DAYS FROM THE BILL DATE STATED ABOVE. THE DUE DATE ON THIS NOTICE DOES NOT INVALIDATE THE DUE DATE STATED ON ANY PREVIOUS NOTICE. TO VERIFY RECEIPT OF PAYMENT, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE.

** IF YOUR SERVICE IS TERMINATED, IT WILL BE RESTORED ONLY AFTER WE RECEIVE PAYMENT FOR THE PRIOR BALANCE PLUS ALL APPLICABLE SERVICE CHARGES. ** SOMEONE MUST BE PRESENT AT THE PROPERTY WHEN SERVICE IS RESTORED. **

PAY BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD (VISA & MASTERCARD) BY CALLING 1-877-527-7852. PAYMENTS MADE ON ANY VISA CARD THAT CAN BE USED AS A DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD WILL BE PROCESSED AS A DEBIT CARD. PAY OVER THE INTERNET BY ACCESSING PAYBYINTERNET.COM. INTERNET PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE TO OUR PARENT COMPANY, UTILITIES INC. A FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE PAYMENT OPTIONS. YOU MUST ALLOW FOR PROCESSING TIME.

TO AVOID TERMINATION OF SERVICE, YOU MUST CALL OUR OFFICE *** WITH THE CONFIRMATION NUMBER YOU RECEIVE ***

FROM THE CREDIT CARD PAYMENT CENTER TO SHOW THAT PAYMENT WAS MADE. *** *******************

Rate Schedule Available Upon Request